

# 30 OATHS FROM THE QUR'AN



Compiled list of 30 “oath” passages—that is, verses in which Allah swears by various creations or phenomena. (Translations may vary slightly. In many cases these verses begin with “By...” or use disjoint letters traditionally understood as oaths.

1. Surah Ash-Shams (91:1):

“By the sun and its brightness...”

2. Surah Ash-Shams (91:2):

“And by the moon when it follows it...”

3. Surah Al-Layl (92:1):

“By the night, and what it envelops...”

4. Surah Ad-Dhuha (93:1):

“By the morning brightness...”

5. Surah At-Tariq (86:1):

“By the sky and the night-comer (At-Tariq)...”

6. Surah Al-Buruj (85:1):

“By the sky containing great stars...”

7. Surah Al-Fajr (89:1):

“By the dawn...”

8. Surah Al-Fajr (89:2):

“By the ten nights...”

9. Surah Al-Fajr (89:3):

“By the even and the odd...”

10. Surah Al-Fajr (89:4):

“By the night when it covers [the day]...”

11. Surah Al-Qiyamah (75:1):

“I swear by the Day of Resurrection...”

12. Surah Al-Qiyamah (75:2):

“And I swear by the reproach of the self-reproaching soul...”

13. Surah Al-'Adiyat (100:1):

“By the racers, panting...”

14. Surah At-Takwir (81:1):

“When the sky is wrapped up...”

15. Surah At-Takwir (81:2):

“And when the stars fall, scattering...”

16. Surah At-Takwir (81:3):

“And when the seas are erupted...”

17. Surah At-Takwir (81:4):

“And when the shrouds are lifted from the graves...”

18. Surah Al-Infitar (82:1):

“When the sky breaks apart...”

19. Surah Al-Infitar (82:2):

“And when the stars fall, scattering...”

20. Surah Al-Infitar (82:3):

“And when the seas are erupted...”

21. Surah Al-Infitar (82:4):

“And when the contents of the graves are scattered...”

22. Surah Al-Mursalat (77:1):

“By the winds [that are sent forth]...”

(Many translations begin this surah with a series of oaths.)

23. Surah Al-Mursalat (77:2):

“By the carriers of burdens...”

24. Surah Al-Mursalat (77:3):

“By the chargers at dawn...”

25. Surah Al-Mursalat (77:4):

“And by those who bring glad tidings...”

26. Surah Qaf (50:1):

“Qaf.”

(The disjoint letters are traditionally considered an oath.)

27. Surah Ar-Rum (30:1):

“Alif, Lam, Meem, Ar-Rum.”

(Disjoint letters serving as an oath.)

28. Surah Al-Qadr (97:1):

“Indeed, We sent the Qur’an down during the Night of Decree.”

29. Surah Al-Furqan (25:1):

“Blessed is He who sent down the Criterion (Al-Furqan) upon His Servant...”

30. Surah Al-Fajr (89:5):

(Some translations include additional oath-like lines in Surah Al-Fajr beyond verse 4; if available, one

may note an additional oath here such as “By the night when it envelops.”)

This list brings together 30 examples of Quranic oaths—either explicit “By...” statements or disjoint letter groups that serve a similar function. They are drawn from a variety of surahs, mainly those known for their striking oath passages (such as Surahs Ash-Shams, Al-Layl, Al-Fajr, Al-Qiyamah, At-Takwir, Al-Infitar, and Al-Mursalat). These oaths emphasize the majesty of Allah’s creation, the cosmic order, and the solemnity of the divine message.

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